

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Christopher L. Caster *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1657  
Application No.: 10/800,140 ) Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph J.  
Filed: March 11, 2004 )  
Title: Probe, Assay and Kits for Detecting )  
11 $\beta$ -Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase )  
and Modulators Thereof )

## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, mailed December 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following election.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that appear at pages 2-18.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin at page 19.